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# EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

## REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

### AFLCIO IS PICKETED

There's nothing some editors of dailies enjoy more than publishing a picture of a union office being picketed. Such editors have had much fun lately running pictures of one James P. Sweeney, a former AFLCIO field organizer, picketing the AFLCIO Washington headquarters in protest against his recent layoff.

The AFLCIO has now put out a quiet little statement through its official weekly paper, pointing out:

"Sweeney, as he pickets, continues to draw benefits from the AFLCIO. His layoff became effective on February 1. Prior to that time, he consulted with AFLCIO officials and agreed to an early pension program under which he will draw \$96 a month. In addition, Sweeney received 21 weeks of severance pay and three weeks of 1958 vacation pay. He continues under full protection of the organization's health and welfare program and his group life insurance policy remains in effect at half the face value."

### MEANY'S PROBLEMS

It seemed only fair to our great international federation to publish that little statement prominently. The top AFLCIO officers are grappling with very serious problems now, and every informed citizen of the United States should realize that our top command is operating with seriously reduced income due to the resolute policy of kicking out unions which fail to meet decent ethical standards.

There may have been clumsiness in handling reduction of staff, there may have been some downright unfair actions. But we do feel that our labor people should give President Meany and his top aides some little benefit of the doubt.

### THERE'S NO EXCUSE . . .

There's no use trying to pretend that managers of all union headquarters always act toward the union's employees in the best possible way. But neither is there any excuse for assuming that the moment a union officer becomes a supervisor over union employees he develops all the worst traits of the worst employer in private business.

Nor is there any excuse for assuming that some editors of dailies will quit delighting in publishing pictures of a union office being picketed.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 9 of this issue of the Journal.

## Ash reports on 'Put U.S. back to work' meet

When thousands of AFLCIO people gathered in Washington for the "Put America Back to Work" conference and swarmed over the House and Senate buildings there was one man the California delegation didn't even bother to go see.

That man was Senator William F. Knowland.

But many Representatives and many Senators they did see, including Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California, said Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash in making his report to the council this week. And he felt that on the whole much good was accomplished.

Men like Knowland who are hopelessly reactionary, and men like Congressman George P. Miller who understand the labor philosophy didn't get the delegates' time, except for friendly greetings in the case of men like Miller.

But men who sometimes vote with labor and sometimes don't were visited, and even some supposedly deepdyed conservatives who have begun to show the signs of concern about continued unemployment.

Some noted reactionaries, said Ash, hearing that the labor people were in town, telephoned and wished to make contact with them.

Senator Kuchel, said Ash, disagreed with some of the labor proposals for meeting the unemployment crisis, but had some vigorous ideas of his own, one of them being to extend unemployment benefits for the current year.

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## Knight challenged by Ash to fish or cut bait on labor

The California Republican Assembly, the endorsing group of the Republicans, in convention in San Jose over the weekend endorsed Senator Knowland for Governor, Governor Knight for Senator, and passed a resolution favoring submission of the "right to work" proposal to the voters in November.

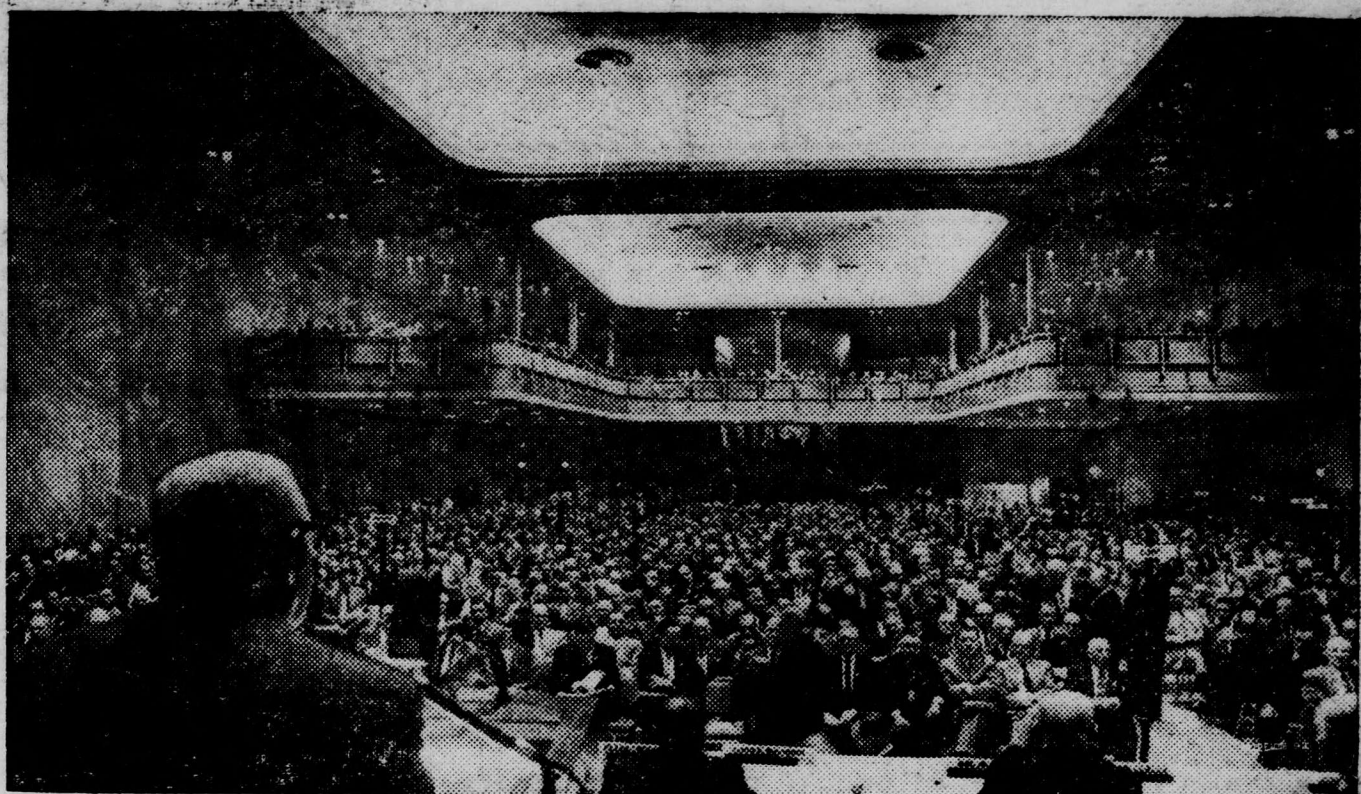
The convention also endorsed Knowland's so-called "bill of rights for labor."

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announced at the council's meeting Monday that he had sent the following telegram to Knight:

Governor Knight:

Since you are now the official choice of the Republican Assembly for U. S. Senator you owe it

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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES Department's legislative conference 2800 delegates in Washington are shown above listening to AFLCIO President George Meany (left, with back to camera) calling for positive action to end the recession. Business Representative J. L. Childers represented the Alameda County BTC. Next week East Bay Labor Journal will publish a picture of the "Put America Back to Work" conference held later in Washington, with all branches and departments of the AFLCIO represented, and reported on this page by CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash.

## Status of Teamos in CLC unchanged awaiting letter

The Central Labor Council delegates after some discussion this week sustained the executive committee's recommendation that no action be taken on expelling the Teamsters until AFLCIO President George Meany replies to a letter of inquiry sent him some time ago.

The executive committee had been asked at the meeting of the previous week to report on the subject at this meeting, and there was a large attendance present to hear the report.

Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798, in effect moved to reject the executive committee's recommendation by moving that "we comply with the mandate of the AFLCIO" by expelling the Teamster delegates forthwith.

Wells said that in view of the efforts of the Teamsters in the State to help the old ousted Laundry Workers raid the local of the new clean AFLCIO Laundry Workers here, it seemed wrong to continue to have the Teamsters affiliated with the council.

"We all think a lot of some of the Teamster delegates in this council," said Wells, "but this is a matter of principle, not of personalities."

Among those who counseled delay, and whose advice finally prevailed, were John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52; Al Thoman, Carpenters 36; Maurice Silber, Amalgamated 42; Leslie K. Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; Jack Faber, Cooks 228; Bud Williams, Auto Machinists 1546.

Russ Crowell, representing the Cleaners Local which has affiliated with the new AFLCIO

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## Health & Welfare Council to meet

The East Bay Labor Health & Welfare Council will meet at 12 noon Thursday, February 27, at Seafood Grotto to nominate and elect a vice president and six board members.

There will also be discussion of a proposed all day conference on "Health of the Business Agent."

Council President J. L. Childers and Secretary Art Hellender urge a good attendance.

## COPE final nominations; BTC adjourns to attend

The Council on Political Education (COPE) met Tuesday night to make second and final nominations for officers and executive board members. The Building Trades Council adjourned a brief meeting in order that delegates of unions affiliated with COPE might attend.

Next Tuesday, March 25, COPE will meet to elect officers and executive board members. COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash, named to that office with no others nominated, has been authorized to set a date, probably April 8, for the executive board to screen candidates for the June primary election, and a date, probably April 9, for a COPE convention to meet and pass on the executive board's recommendations.

Ash emphasized the need for moving along on the project, as the local COPE recommendations will have to be presented to State labor political conventions coming in the first half of April.

At the brief BTC meeting held in another room at the Labor Temple before the COPE meeting, BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers, recently returned from the big Building & Construction Trades Department legislative conference in Washington, emphasized the importance of participation in COPE.

Childers pointed out that the setting up of COPE here had been delayed partly because of the long fight the BTC made to have its participation in COPE recognized as it was recognized in the old AFL Voters League.

"We won that fight," said Childers, "and now some of the

## Bridges penalized for self defense

Harry Bridges and two other officials of the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union must each pay approximately \$80,000 back income taxes on the \$500,000 which was raised for their defense when the Government accused them of perjury in connection with Bridges' attaining citizenship.

They were found guilty, but in 1955 the Supreme Court reversed the decision.

The announcement of the new action by the Government was made by the ILWU.

building trades unions for which that fight was made have been slow to affiliate with COPE. The time has now come to affiliate and take part."

BTC Vice President Joseph Pruss said that as one who had been closely identified with that long struggle to get COPE set up on what the BTC considered a sound basis, he would feel much disappointed if participation by building trades craftsmen failed to be vigorous.

Childers pointed out that building tradesmen from time to time had some differences of opinion with the old CIO unions, that the people from the CIO were very active on the political side, and that it was plain common sense for building tradesmen to be active also.

Lew Blix, Dental Technicians

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## Cemetery Workers now highest paid

Cemetery Workers, Local 322 has successfully negotiated a two-year agreement with the East Bay Interment Association and the Catholic Cemeteries of the East Bay. The pact calls for a 17½¢ per hour increase and three weeks vacation after five years employment effective March 1, 1958; and an additional 7½¢ cents per hour effective March 1, 1959.

Business Representative Edward Reith reports that this is the most productive agreement ever entered into by Local 322. The 1959 rate will bring an hourly rate of \$2.40 per hour—a national high for cemetery work.

James Gemmell and Patrick Mulholland served as the union negotiating committee. Their time and conscientious efforts are appreciated by all officers and members.

Secretary-Treasurer Gemmell is particularly pleased with the three week vacation. "This is the first time we submitted the three weeks after five years," he said. "And I am proud we gained the entire demand without any trim."

The contract being settled, the union is now turning its efforts to defeat the union-busting, employer-employee relations initiative.

**April 10 is the last day on which you can register to vote in the June 3 State primary election!**



# HOW TO BUY

Some prices down but not food

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS  
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Moderate-income families are now able to buy some of the most popular small appliances and portable typewriters at cut prices. A number of leading manufacturers have announced they will no longer fix retail prices. The makers who finally abandoned Fair Trade price-fixing included G. E., Sunbeam, Toastmaster, and Royal. For a while in various large cities, the biggest discount houses and department stores had a price war. They were selling \$17 steam irons for \$11, \$15 coffee-makers for \$10, \$19 toaster for \$13 and \$40 clock radios for \$28.

But normally, you now can expect to buy any brand of such small appliances at discount of 20-25 percent from independent retailers, and 30-35 from the larger discount houses in big cities. Even before the hold-out manufacturers had abandoned Fair Trade, most other makers of small electric appliances had quit trying to stop retailers from cutting prices. The hold-outs had used law suits, shoppers and even detectives to try to stop price-cutting storekeepers. They finally gave up under the stress of keen competition in a year of lagging retail sales.

At one time, 45 states had Fair Trade laws permitting manufacturers to set retail prices on their products. Now only 31 states have such laws intact. But even in these states Fair Trade is dead except chiefly on drugs, cosmetics and some hardware items. The National Association of Retail Druggists now is asking Congress for a new national law to make such price fixing effective again. Rep. Oren Harris of Arkansas, has introduced the drug association's bill which would make it illegal for a dealer to cut a price if the manufacturer advertised it or printed it on the item.

Passage of this bill would end or drive underground many of the reduced prices on appliances and other goods. It would also enable drug manufacturers to continue to keep up the high prices of medicines, such as

brand-name antibiotics, which now often cost \$10 to \$20 for a prescription.

In all, this is a year of big price-cutting at the retail level, with increasing pressure on manufacturers also to reduce prices. Almost half the stores surveyed by one buying syndicate said they would emphasize cut prices this year. But while the buyers' market is noticeable in appliances, clothing and textiles, and to an increasing extent in furniture, rugs, some building materials and tires, the big problem keeping up living costs this year is the high price of food.

The Dun & Bradstreet wholesale food index actually had climbed by winter's end to a point eight percent higher than a year ago. The rise has been due mainly to the high price of meat. Now speculators have taken advantage of the small potato crop, further cut by the cold Florida weather last winter, to boost the price of this staple to the highest it's been in the past six years.

High food prices on the one hand and declining wages on the other actually are forcing families to curtail food consumption. In 1957, food prices rose 4.8 percent, and consumption dropped 3 percent. People mostly have cut down on meat as prices rose 10 to 12 percent above last year's tags.

April food costs will be a little easier than the recent winter ordeal if you pick your values. Pork and eggs especially will be cheaper. But this is only a temporary respite before a new upsurge this summer.

## 'Nuf said

Asked how he enjoyed his vacation, a chap just back from a family motor trip to Florida replied: "Have you ever spent four days in a small Studebaker with those you love best?"—Bill Roos, quoted in The Saturday Review.

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## To the Ladies FROM the EDITOR

SIX PEOPLE enter into every marriage. Two of them are real, and the other four are imaginary parties to the marriage who cause much of the trouble. So says one marriage counselor.

Here are the six, see if you're acquainted with any or all of them: 1. The kind of wife the husband had hoped for; 2. The kind of husband the wife had dreamed of; 3 & 4. The kind of mate each partner wants to be; 5 & 6. The man and woman as they really are.

THE IN-LAWS, some cynics will remark, are left out of that list. But the way one reacts to the in-laws is of course tangled up with those six parties to the marriage.

Many wives and husbands, too, use the in-laws as an alibi for their own inability to adjust to the difficulties of married life.

LOVE IN MARRIAGE, is not exactly as engaged and newly married couples assume it will be, says one woman who has counseled many troubled spouses and persuaded them to try again.

"Love in marriage," says this wise woman, "is something the partners build up during the years, working side by side and giving each other the emotional support that enables each to grow far greater emotionally than if they had been single."

That tells it!

## Nail polish warning given

The Food and Drug Administration warned recently that a new cosmetic product called "Ten-day Press-On Nail Polish" was causing disfiguring and sometimes painful injuries to users.

About 700 women have complained to the Food and Drug Administration and to the manufacturer, Harrison Laboratories of New Rochelle, N. Y. Both the Government agency and the manufacturer are cooperating to get the product off the market as soon as possible. Since October, 1957, about 32,000,000 applications of the product have been distributed.

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## This man sent an urgent plea

Rep. Ross Bass (D., Tenn.) broke his rule against sending more than ten government publications to any one person at one time. He sent 76 do-it-yourself pamphlets to a Tennessee man who pleaded:

"Recently married, expecting, just moved into new home and broke. I do not know anything about anything. Neither does my wife. Thanks."—Associated Press.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

"IT IS EASIER to pick a good car and keep it in order than to pick a good driver and keep him in order."

This remark was made by a man who should know—Thomas W. Ryan, director of the New York State Division of Safety.

"As long as we have our so-called 'best citizens' running past stop signs, beating red lights, exceeding speed limits or driving when fatigued, or intoxicated, how can we expect favorable results from safety programs?"

We all know that it seems to be a point of honor among teenagers to drive too fast and too recklessly. While we deplore it, we tend to excuse it because youth is a careless and reckless time, a time most people will outgrow.

But how about the oldsters who seem to feel the same urge to pass everything on the road? Not much hope of THEM outgrowing such an attitude.

"You should see my grandfather when he's driving home from work," says one teenager, half fearfully, half admiringly. "Why, he even scares ME, sometimes, he goes so fast."

Then there's the grandmother who learned to drive late in life, who always takes off with a jack-rabbit start, and goes at a rattling good speed whatever the conditions are.

"I'm not going to be one of these slow, old-lady drivers," she announced.

The fact is, in this mad spot in the twentieth century, it seems never to occur to anyone that older people are supposed to set an example for the youngsters.

It's quite the other way around. We are so infatuated with the whole idea of youth that however white our hair or however stiff our joints we feel that we must emulate these kids and follow their wild example.

Often we say to youngsters: "Be your age."

Perhaps we older folks, should not be afraid to be our age, either.

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## Union security is lauded by Tribune unintentionally

Labor people who chanced upon it were much amused when Oakland Tribune in a recent issue printed what amounted to a strong plea for the sort of union security which Senator Knowland is trying to destroy through the "right to work" proposal.

The material was printed in the "Explore Your Mind" syndicate feature the Tribune publishes. Here are the questions and answers as published in the Tribune:

**Will we ever have industrial peace?**

No, says Psychologist R. N. McMurry, nor would it be good if we COULD get it. Life requires a certain amount of struggle and strife. We get along best if there is a fairly good balance of power, with neither side strong enough to overcome the other.

**Do unions hinder production?**

No. Unions protect workers, not only against employers, but against foremen who might like to take out their personal grouches on their men. The workers feel more free to express their grievances through the union, thus paving the way for their correction and better morale. When bosses can no longer crack the whip so easily, they learn to get along with others on a more democratic basis. This makes for better relations, and often for higher production all around.

## Report & Knowland were both wrong!

East Bay Labor Journal reported incorrectly in a recent issue that Senator Knowland voted against an 8½ percent increase for postal workers, and that Senator Kuchel voted for it.

Actually, Knowland voted for the 8½ percent increase, which the postal workers opposed, and Kuchel voted against it.

The reason the postal workers opposed the 8½ percent increase was because it was an 8½ percent increase without the \$240, \$160, and \$80 bonus provision in the 7½ percent bill.

In short, the 7½ percent one, which passed, was the one the postal workers wanted, and the 8½ percent one was rejected, with Knowland on the wrong side and Kuchel on the right side from the postal workers' viewpoint.

## How to educate Wards on union relations, theme of \$100 weekly contest

"In what ways can union members and the consuming public help convince an anti-union employer like Montgomery Ward, who believes that unions should have no part in determining wages and working conditions of its employees, that its attitudes toward labor is all wrong?"

For the winning 100-word answer to this question, the Retail Clerks International Association (AFLCIO) will award a \$100 Defense Bond each week beginning Monday, March 31, in a new RCIA-sponsored contest.

The contest will continue until further notice. To be eligible for the contest each Monday beginning the week of March 31, entries must be postmarked not later than the following Sunday.

## Bob Crown cites 3 issues to stress

Assemblyman Robert Crown, 14th District, in a letter to constituents from Sacramento, where the budget and extraordinary session of the Legislature is functioning, says:

"I have been especially interested in the question of the placement of the Southern Alameda County State College; small craft harbors for San Leandro; and to make use of the Maritime site in Alameda for beneficial purposes."

## Employer-financing and complete coverage mark later welfare plans

WASHINGTON — Employer financing and more complete coverage are the outstanding characteristics of health and welfare plans negotiated by unions in the past few years, the AFLCIO Department of Research reports.

The department's Collective Bargaining Report for February examines a newly released study by the Labor Department covering major provisions of 300 negotiated health and welfare plans covering almost 5 million workers.

The report notes that despite its recent publication the study is somewhat out of date because since late 1955 many of the contracts have been renegotiated and the plans liberalized.—AFLCIO News.

## Post Office Union pickets are fired

The Post Office Department fired Monday President Conrad C. Eustace and Secretary Thomas H. Monroe of the United Postal Workers 1136 for picketing the San Francisco Post Office last November.

The American Civil Liberties Union, intervening in the case, has contended that their civil rights are being violated.

## Delegates seated by Central Labor Council

The following delegates were obligated by President Al Brown at the March 10 meeting of the Central Labor Council: **Hayward Painters 1178**—Malcolm J. McQueen, Donald E. Ades, Ted Sissney, Leroy Barstow, R. H. Fitzgerald, William Stubblefield; **Oakland Teachers 771**—Richard Jay; **Flint Glass Workers 66**—John Flavin, G. R. Davis, Jr.; **Steelworkers 5525**—Gene A. Schuman.

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## Congressman Miller in favor of restoration of Neptune Beach area

Congressman George P. Miller has formally notified the State Division of Beaches and Parks and the East Bay Regional Park District that the Maritime Academy in Alameda is in the process of being declared surplus by the Maritime Administration. He suggests that it be acquired by one of these agencies as a public recreational facility.

In his letter Miller states that historically this property was used as a public beach and recreational area for over 50 years prior to its acquisition by the Federal Government. The Maritime Academy occupies the site of what was formerly Croll's Gardens back in the 80's and later known as Neptune Beach.

"THIS IS SENATOR KNOWLAND'S petition," a circulator of the "right to work" initiative told CLC Assistant Secretary Art Hellender this week in the financial district of San Francisco. "Does the Senator know you're using his name this way?" asked Art? "Yes," claimed the man.

## Knight challenged by Ash to fish or cut bait on labor

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to labor to answer the following questions.

Do you intend to abide by your party's anti labor platform as expressed by the Republican Assembly?

If not, will you plainly say so by publicly repudiating its stand on the right to work law which was described by more moderate members of the Assembly as a 'back door' method of blessing the proposal?

Will you also repudiate the Assembly's endorsement of Knowland's five point bill of rights for labor?

Did you make any effort to influence members of the Republican Assembly against voting this anti-labor position?

Would you have received the endorsement of the Republican Assembly if you had taken a position against the right to work initiative and the Knowland's program?

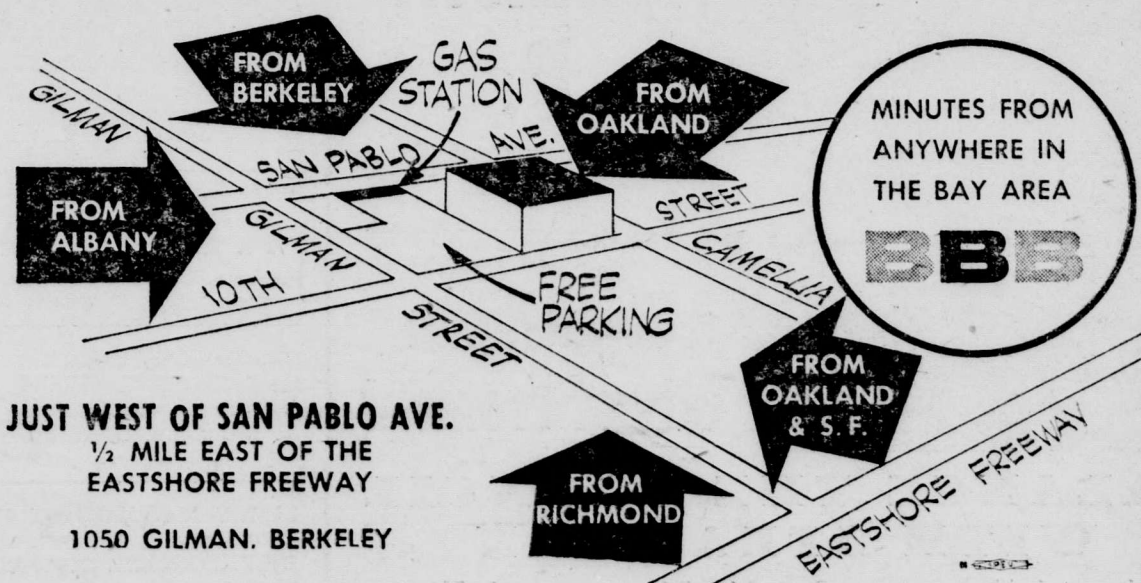
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## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Who said right to work, or should I say right to wreck? What does Mr. Knowland, Goldwater or the rest of that gang know about union democracy? Have they ever attended any union meetings, have they ever heard the financial reports read to the unions, itemizing everything down to the last penny? Have they ever attended a union election? Where do they get their information, is it from some disgruntled member who thinks that rules should be made for everyone but himself? Or is it from some one who never heard the word union until Mr. Knowland started his campaign?

I think that it is time for each and every one of us not only to talk about it but to act, first by refusing to sign any petition attacking labor and second by contributing what ever we can. Last week it was reported that brother J. McAdams was doing well, I regret to say that he passed away the day after the report was made, also that brother Wm. Tynell died March 16. R. D. Weber still in the hospital with no improvement, brother Rutledge now at home after a week in the hospital recovering from an injured back. He stated that it gets pretty lonesome in a hospital when no one comes to visit.

Roy Sandelin is at Providence

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hospital recovering from a heart ailment.

The promised recovery from unemployment is not taking place very fast, we still have a lot of members out of work.

Another reminder, the end of the quarter is almost here and for those brothers who have not paid their first quarters dues the books must be closed on the last day of the month. See you all at the next meeting, March 27th.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

Carpenters Local 36 had a fine special called meeting last Friday which was well attended, with some 200 present to get a preview of the pension program, negotiations for which are now being completed.

All locals will, it is hoped, receive complete information on this pension program before June, if negotiations go as well as they now seem to be.

Chester Bartolini, secretary of the District Council of Carpenters, explained that under the plan as it is now shaping up men retiring after June 15 and able to meet the required standards will be eligible for \$50 a month pension in addition to their social security. This \$50 will not be considered income as defined in Social Security Administration rules.

There will also be provision for pension at reduced amounts for men who have retired within the past five years and are able to meet the required standards.

If you want to know more about it, ask some of the people who attended the meeting, and try to attend the next one yourself.

## Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

Dutch Whist—was enjoyed by the following at the Social: Agnes Anderson, Alene Byrnes, Wava Barber, Eleanor Clapp, Bea Cameron, Bea Christensen, Martha Light, Laura Osburn, Nathalie Stenling, Jo Wheeler and Hazel Wallace.

Decorations for the tables, refreshments and prizes (wrapped) to carry out St. Patrick's motif were used. Bea Christensen who

had been absent for some time was extended a warm welcome.

Members are reminded to send Mae Bristow cards at the rest home 524 Callan Avenue, San Leandro, California.

Drawing for the blanket will take place at our business meet the 28th.

Some one once wrote—Definition of a committee "The Unable who have been asked by the unwilling to do the unnecessary."

Several Auxiliary members attended the wedding of Dorothy Bartolini—daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chet (Flo) Bartolini, which was held March 15 at the First Methodist Church, Alameda. The reception was held in the "Church Fellowship Center." Dorothy is now Mrs. Warren W. Shafer.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

An idea is born, gains momentum, culminates into a fact, and on Charter Day 1958, we paid tribute to that fact, and the women who were responsible for it, we do honor to the past, work steadfastly for the present and gird ourselves for the future.

We all looked radiant and lovely this Charter Day 1958, with our hair do's especially for the occasion and our gardenia corsages, but the loveliest and most radiant was Mabel Patterson, our only living charter member. She graced the center of the head table, flanked by Mary Stapleton and Katherine Allen, president and veep, and that is where we want to see her for many many years.

Each year Mabel is presented with a gift and this year Elizabeth Fee (she who keeps guard over the monies) presented Mabel with a key guard, Mabel says she won't lose that, well we hope not.

Mary Farley, capable secretary presented Elizabeth Fee and Ermine Sullivan with their 25th year pins, we congratulate them and look forward to their 50th year.

The table decorations, handiwork of Mary Stapleton, Ermine Sullivan and May Marquand, were beautiful, and many thanks, girls.

After the gracious thank-you response by Mabel and the delicious dinner, Freda Cripps introduced us to a new card game, which we all enjoyed, even the losers, like myself. The cards by the way bore the Union Label.

Nice seeing Mrs. Forster and Mrs. McKane, who try to always come for Charter Day. Looking forward to having our guest Mrs. Johnson be one of us, Charter Day 1959. Hope to see all the other ladies who came, at our regular meetings, we miss them and need them. Want to thank our lone gentleman guest too. Brave man!

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## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

During the past week we forwarded the notices to the Santa Clara County employers informing them that the wage increase and change in hours become effective April 1.

Beginning on that date, the minimum rate of pay will be \$2.75 per hour, and the five day week with either Monday or Saturday as the day off, will also become effective.

With this change becoming effective in Santa Clara county, it means that all agreements now provide for a five day work week. Next year, due to the automatic increase in wages in Santa Clara County, the watchmakers' wage rate will then be the same as all other watchmakers under contract.

**SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m.—Native Sons Hall, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco.

## Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

First March meeting was called to order by President Trellis Wharry. There was quite a long meeting because there was considerable business on the agenda which called for much discussion.

At our last meeting in February we were very pleased to initiate into our auxiliary Dorothy Conover.

Sister Tillie Bartmess who has been appointed chairman of the sewing club for the coming year announces there will be a meeting at her home Tuesday, March 25 in the daytime. There will be a special called meeting of the Golden Gate Council in Richmond April 27. Our auxiliary will have a booth at this years bazaar given by the council. I am glad to report that sisters Florence Shaffer and Florence Meade who have been ill are much better.

Our thoughts are with sister Evelyn Gerholdt who reports her mother is very very ill.

Brother Sam and sister Nellie Blanford are home from Russian River after spending a month up there at the Boy Scout camp. Sister Nellie reported that in spite of the rain it was wonderful up there. Sister Nellie who has been appointed ways and means chairman will have a meeting at her home in the very near future to make plans for the year.

The past presidents initiated Matilda Bartmess into our club at Bimbo's 365 Club in San Francisco in February. A wonderful time was had by all. Especially Tillie who said she sure enjoyed being with us. Our March meet-

ing was held at Marie Dixon's home and did we all enjoy the delicious refreshments and Marie's hospitality. Well, I did, and I know everyone else did. Our next meeting to be at Eva Galaher's home.

I am asking again if anyone has any news to please call me because I cannot put in the paper news I do not have. So if you expect a report each month give me something to report.

## Theatrical Local B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

As an economic measure the membership adopted a recommendation calling for cancellation of the Labor Journal to the membership. The co-authors of the recommendation, 4th International Representative Orin M. Jacobson and International Representative John A. Forde, stated in part: "It is with great reluctance we recommend the cancellation of the subscription to the Labor Journal," and "until such time as local finances will permit a new subscription."

Probably no individual member views this action with greater regret than this columnist, who since April, 1946 has contributed approximately 600 columns.

We do recommend that the membership subscribe to the Labor Journal and if a sufficient number do so, we will be back in these columns. Members desiring to continue the Journal should communicate directly with the Journal office at 1622 E. 12th Street, Oakland..

If time permits we'll have our final column in next week, otherwise this is our swan song.

Our relationship with East Bay Labor Journal has been a fine one, we have at all times received every courtesy and consideration from every individual connected with their staff through the years.

Up and down the aisle . . . Former member Richmond Harris, who worked the majority of theaters in the jurisdiction through the years was a recent visitor to the business office . . . Likewise, Past President Fred N. Miller, currently working under the jurisdiction of Local 33 in L. A. Although both are now residing in the L. A. area, they had to come to Oakland to renew their acquaintances . . . Charlie Minehart, the first manager of the Tower theater is back at the old spot, this time working as the doorman . . . Maggie Chavez of the Broadway box-office was a grandmother. The mother, Maggie's daughter—Christine is a former member . . . Nick Gorbunoff, a service member is now available for a door job.

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** from the hilltop at Mountain View Cemetery, will be held this year April 6. Robert A. Leet, chairman of the committee, announces.

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## How the bad seed was planted

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### THIS SPECIAL SECTION

In this special section of East Bay Labor Journal we have tried to produce what might be called a miniature handbook for the use of those who not only wish to inform themselves about one of the major issues of the time, but possibly wish to help to inform others.

But while we have assembled some data on the experiences of those in other States who are already suffering from the enactment of "right to work" laws, and have included other informative material, it is useless to claim that information alone is needed in this crisis confronting trade unions.

Labor people do not like high-sounding six-bit words, as we are prone to call them. But when labor people are confronted by the enormous propaganda power of the millionaire clique bent on destroying trade unionism, something more than information is needed: what is needed is a philosophy of history (there go the six-bit words!) a deep and abiding conception of what is going on in the world, and what part your trade union plays in that going-on.

Without some such sense as this, the trade unionist is like a boxer who just hits back blindly when he's hit, and has no feeling of the need for tactics in each round, and for the sense of strategy needed to win, ultimately, the entire fight.

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#### WELL, WE'VE TRIED!

In this special section we have tried in two articles to indicate, hastily and crudely, perhaps, but nevertheless earnestly and after much preliminary thought based on long experience and study, an approach to such a philosophy of labor history.

On the first page will be found an attempt to show how the "bad seed" of right-to-workism, of crushing trade unionism by hypocritical appeals to "liberty" and "democracy" and "voluntary unionism" was planted deliberately and with malice aforethought a decade ago in the Taft-Hartley Act, and how Senator Knowland has always been part of that conspiracy to plant a poisonous dodder in the field of industrial relations.

On the fourth page of this special section will be found a more fundamental discussion of the place that the evolution of American trade unionism has within the evolution of the Constitution of the United States. That editorial expresses what might be called the "labor religion" of the editor of this paper. To the beliefs expressed there he turns in the dark moments when cynicism and corruption seem rampant everywhere. He now, personally asks you to read that editorial.

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#### TROUBLED SHORES

It's a big struggle we're in. We cast this little special section out on the waters, and hope it will float, and come into the hands of some upon troubled shores.

### What's Inside...

IN ARIZONA, they put the "right to work" scheme over by claiming it was a measure which would help veterans returning from the war to find jobs, giving them the "ability to sell their labor to the highest bidder." See page 6.

YET VETERANS AND UNION MEN are the same people in many instances in Arizona as elsewhere. See the picture of a monument to a bomber pilot killed in a crash, which was built by donated union labor. See page 6.

IN NEBRASKA, which has had a "right to work" law for some time, the State Government puts out advertisements which make it very plain, despite a few veiling phrases, that factories moving into that State may hope to find a supply of cheap, unambitious labor, willing to be kicked around. See page 6.

DOES "RIGHT TO WORK" give a worker any "right" to a job? The authoritative answer is given in a table which shows the number and percentage of laid-off workers, actually drawing unemployment compensation, in the 18 States that have adopted the mislabeled "right to work" statutes. The number of workers needing unemployment compensation has jumped a great deal in those States during the past year. See page 7.

80 YEARS INDUSTRIAL PEACE prevailed on the Galveston News and Tribune, and then came the "right to work" law, the publisher saw a chance to break up the Typographical Union in his plant, and the result has been picketing of the plant and complete disruption of the good relations of old. See page 7.

ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP in Tucson says "it is immoral for a working man not to belong to a union. See picture, page 7.

"OPEN SHOP ANARCHY vs. constitutional growth—Keep America's Constitution alive!" An editorial showing the place the evolution of union shop has within the evolution of the U. S. Constitution. See page 8.

"OPEN SHOP DOOR!"—cartoon portraying graphically what Bully Boy Knowland is preparing to do to Organized Labor. See page 8.

J. PAUL ST. SURE, president of the powerful employers group, the Pacific Maritime Association, opposes "right to work." See page 8.

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL wishes to thank R. S. (Scoop) White of Labors Daily, Herman Berlowe of Arizona, and others who have assisted in the preparation of this special insert on "right to work."



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### THE BAD SEED GROWING IN 8 STATES THIS YEAR; POISON HARVEST HOPED

The bad seed which the Knowland-Taft forces planted in the Taft-Hartley Act is growing in 8 States this year. Anti-labor groups are pushing "right to work" open shop proposals in California, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, and Delaware.

Knowland and his allied bad seed growers hope by the end of the year to reap a poisonous harvest from 26 States, for 18 already have such laws. The time has come to stop the spread of this poison weed!

### Republican raps Knowland for his 'right-work' stand

Senator Knowland's endorsement of the anti-labor "right to work" initiative proposal early called forth disapproval from active members of the Republican Party. Typical of these is the following letter, widely circulated throughout the State:

Dear Fellow-Republican:

The shocking anti-people proposals of William Fife Knowland have been placed in perspective, with dignity, by spiritual leadership of the community. Protestant, Catholic and Jewish clergymen have joined in refuting arguments to impose so-called "right-to-work" legislation on the hard-won balanced liberalism of California.

The clergy, without mentioning Knowland by name as the proponent, provide a scholarly approach to a controversial issue. Impersonally, they declare that (1) "right-to-work" legis-

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### Knowland-Taft combine wrote RW into T-H!

Some time ago there was a book, and later a moving picture, entitled "The Bad Seed." An innocent seeming little girl was proved to be such a fiend in human form that law enforcement officers and psychiatrists could only assume that in the mysterious workings of heredity, far back somewhere, a bad seed had been planted, resulting after some generations in the emergence of this little murderous devil.

When Senator Knowland came out for the anti-labor open shop "right to work" proposal, many people who had thought of him, well, not exactly as the innocent seeming little girl in the movie, but as a sort of safe conservative, were surprised. But in his case, there was really no such mystery as to where the bad seed came from as there was in the case of the girl in the movie.

The bad seed was planted deliberately and with malice aforethought in the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947. The word Taft in the name of that act of course refers to the late Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, the man under whose guidance William F. Knowland rose rapidly to prominence and who became Republican leader of the Senate at the urgent suggestion of Taft himself.

It was the Taft-Knowland group which planted that bad seed in the Taft-Hartley Act in the form of Section 14 (b). There are only 44 words in that bad seed, so take the time to read them carefully:

"Nothing in this Act shall be MORE on page 6

### 'Voluntary unionism' a neat slogan; it means less cash in your wallet

"Voluntary unionism" is one of the high-sounding pitches which the sponsors of the so-called "right to work" proposal make as they claim undying love for labor.

Lower pay—like \$1.40 an hour—is the other side of their argument, they don't bother to mention. Here are official United States Department of Labor figures which show that "voluntary unions" are unions whose members have less money to pay the grocery bills:

Hourly Wages in 'Right to Work' States With No Union Shop	Hourly Wages in Neighbor States Permitting Free Unionism
Virginia .....\$1.61	West Virginia .....\$2.10
Tennessee .....1.65	Kentucky .....1.98
Mississippi .....1.40	Louisiana .....1.94
Arkansas .....1.46	Missouri .....1.98
Texas .....2.04	New Mexico .....2.19
Iowa .....2.05	Illinois .....2.19
Nebraska .....1.87	Kansas .....2.08
South Dakota .....1.79	Minnesota .....2.08
North Dakota .....1.82	Montana .....2.21
Utah .....2.25	Wyoming .....2.40
Nevada .....2.53	Idaho .....2.10
Arizona .....2.25	California .....2.33

Of these states, Nevada is the only "right to work" state with higher pay than a neighboring free union state. It is hardly typical, since its factory labor force is the smallest of any state in the nation—a total of 5,800 workers.

A few selfish employers will save on wage costs under "right to wreck." Everyone else, wage earners, merchants, professional men or anyone with whom the wage earners deal, loses.



# Flimflam in Arizona - - 80-year industry

## Anti-labor camouflaged RW as help to Veterans

TUCSON, Ariz. — Born midst a post-war wave of sympathy for the soldier and sailor home from the wars, Arizona's so-called "right-to-work" law has weathered a decade of stormy existence.

Today, more than 10 years after it went into the books following clever distortions which played on the emotions of a confused electorate, the right-to-work is still a constant, day-to-day harassing factor in labor-management relations.

Early in 1946, Arizona unionists became aware that a group of businessmen around Phoenix were forming what they called a "Veterans Right-To-Work Committee." Most of the members were small-fry, not particularly well known, but there were indications enough that bigger interests, such as cattle and farming groups were backing the phony organizations. Sponsors of the committee proclaimed that it should not be necessary for a man to join a union in order to have the right to work.

More specifically—and here is where they struck gold — they said that a veteran was entitled to get work where he could find it. It was no coincidence that in 1946, a year after the end of World War II, there were plenty of young veterans looking for work. The lure was deceitful, but it was effective; it said "no person shall be denied employment because of non-membership in a labor union."

It was further proposed that enough signatures be obtained to put the issue before the people in November. In the ensuing months, debates between opponents and proponents of the measure raged throughout the state, but principally in the two big population centers, Phoenix and Tucson.

Typical of the blarney that the "Right to Work" backers unloaded on the public were such comments as those made by one George Dalton at an American Legion luncheon, October 23, 1946: "The right to work will restore to Americans the fundamental liberty of labor to sell its goods to the highest bidder."

The speaker explained it was a "veterans" effort because it was initiated by "six veterans whose opportunities to work were hampered by their lack of membership in a labor union."

Dalton's debate opponent was one Stewart Udall, a young law student, himself a veteran of 50 bombing missions over Europe and now an Arizona Congressman whose record has been widely hailed by members of both parties.

Udall replied that most "proponents of the bill are opposed to unions simply because they are unions." He then cited an 1896 decision by Justice Holmes upholding labor's rights to "combine in support of their interests."

Only 19,296 signatures were

## Knowland-Taft combine wrote RW into TH!

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construed as authorizing the execution and application of agreements requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment in any State or Territory in which such execution or application is prohibited by State or Territorial law."

This amounted to a hunting license to reactionary elements in any State which thought they had developed strength enough to outdo the Taft-Hartley Act itself in damaging or wrecking trade unionism within that State.

Before that bad seed was planted in the widely publicized Taft-Hartley Act, only one State, Florida, had adopted a "right to work" law.

But during that same year of 1947, the year of whipped-up anti-labor hysteria when the Taft-Hartley Act was passed over President Truman's veto, the bad seed in that act at once sprouted 11 poisonous plants. Eleven States passed "right to work" laws that same year!

Of course, they were backward States industrially, where neither industry nor unionism had taken very firm root as yet. But they laid the foundation of a pattern. The seed would get planted in other States. It would grow there, and finally all the States in the Union would have laws crippling or fatally injuring trade unions. That was the dream of the Taft-Knowland team and the reactionaries associated with it.

Gradually the seed did sprout in other States, until at this time there are 18 in which trade unionism is overgrown with the poisonous dodder growing from that bad seed. But they weren't big industrial States until the seed sprouted and flourished in Indiana.

Meanwhile, Knowland had been lying in wait. There had to be good growing weather if that bad seed was to sprout and flourish in a State like California where trade unionism was well established and where so many hundreds of thousands of intelligent craftsmen had contributed to the growth of the State's industry.

But finally, Knowland saw that the good growing weather had come. Revelations of the misdoings of some union leaders, brought out in Senate hearings, and publicized all over the world, seemed to supply just the sort of growing weather that was needed by Farmer Knowland to grow his crop of poisonous plants.

So he came out for the compulsory open shop "right to work" initiative, hooking it to his plan to become Governor as a stepping stone to the Presidency. And a lot of people were surprised.

But there was nothing really surprising about it. Ten years before he had helped to plant that bad seed. It had grown in some of the lesser States. Now was the time to start it growing in his own State. It was as simple as that.

And if he's elected Governor, and later President, perhaps he can get a national "right to work" law through which can replace that bad seed of Section 14 (b) in the Taft-Hartley Act, and the poisonous dodder will infect and ruin all the fields of good industrial relations all over the U. S. The Senator can at least dream, can't he?

And haven't the dreams he and Senator Taft had just a lit-

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He more than ten years ago done pretty well so far?

But now the working people of California who understand the importance of trade unionism to them, and the employers who value good industrial relations, and the clergy who know that a profoundly moral as well as economic issue is involved, are going to do their best to sterilize that bad seed in California.

## Ran factories 45 years, opposes RW

Henry L. Nunn of San Diego, former president of the Nunn-Bush Shoe Co., who managed factories for 45 years, is opposed to the "right to work" scheme. He says that union security is the basis of responsible relations between a union and the employer.

## Republican raps Knowland

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lution seeks to destroy man's right to associate for the public good, (2) "right-to-work" laws are immoral in the light of scriptural teaching, and (3) "right-to-work" legislation would open wide the floodgates which hold back the corporate irresponsibility of 1890 McKinleyism.

As former Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for Los Angeles County, I hold that the upside down thinking of Knowland does not reflect the philosophy of today's Republicans, and further, that if the party persists in supporting Neanderthal programs, as initiated by Mr. Knowland, it will earn a devastating repudiation. Indeed, a once great party cannot earn approval by establishing



A TALL REPLY to a tall lie! The Arizona "right to work" compulsory open shop law was put through ten years ago by malicious exploitation of the public's sympathy for veterans returning home to seek work and start life over again. The contention was that if there were no labor unions, the returning veteran would be "free to sell his labor to the highest bidder." In this picture Business Representative Mort Weisband of the Tucson Bricklayers is shown pointing to a monument in Tucson, built by donated union labor, honoring a bomber pilot killed in a crash. That union-built monument to one who gave his life for his country illustrates the real relations between the unions and the veterans, many of whom are of course loyal union men.



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Committee of  
Los Angeles County

### In Nevada clerks have 'right to work' cheap!

In Reno, Nevada (a "right to  
work" State), the clerks in 1943  
were only \$5 a week behind the  
San Francisco grocery clerks. To-  
day they are \$13.14 per week be-  
hind the San Francisco clerks.

Under "right to work" they  
have the right to work cheap.

## NUMBER OF PERSONS CLAIMING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS IN 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATES

State	Week Ending Jan. 18, 1958	Rate*	Change from Year Ago
North Carolina	62,721	7.3%	+ 21,483
Virginia	27,049	3.7	+ 13,479
Alabama	40,511	7.1	+ 17,985
Florida	24,462	3.1	+ 10,350
Georgia	46,598	6.0	+ 16,918
Mississippi	22,787	8.8	+ 4,836
South Carolina	26,700	6.4	+ 9,101
Tennessee	64,506	9.7	+ 16,850
Indiana	74,249	6.5	+ 30,091
Iowa	18,847	4.3	+ 4,321
Nebraska	10,172	4.5	- 110
North Dakota	6,987	10.3	+ 1,476
South Dakota	3,812	5.1	- 392
Arkansas	26,175	9.9	+ 4,733
Texas	55,836	3.1	+ 23,592
Utah	11,156	5.8	+ 3,508
Arizona	10,400	5.2	+ 4,226
Nevada	6,927	9.8	+ 3,132
TOTAL in 18 states	539,955		+ 186,583
NATIONWIDE	2,849,950	6.8%	+ 1,125,085

\* Unemployment insurance claimants as percent of all persons covered by unemployment insurance.

## Right to work they call it, but no work!

Does a so-called "right-to-  
work" law give a worker any  
"right" to a job?

The authoritative answer is  
given in the table below which  
shows the number and percent-  
age of laid-off workers, actually  
drawing unemployment compen-  
sation, in the 18 states that have  
adopted the mislabeled "right-  
to-work" statutes.

The table reveals that during  
the week ended January 18 a  
total of 539,955 workers drew  
jobless compensation in the  
"right" states. This was a jump  
of 186,583 from the compensation  
rolls of the same states a year  
earlier.

The 539,955 laid-off workers in  
the "rights" states added up to  
more than one sixth of all the  
jobless workers drawing unem-  
ployment compensation.

### NO RIGHT TO JOBS

These workers could have  
pleaded with their employers,  
could have called on the Cham-  
bers of Commerce, could have  
applied in person to the lobby  
groups that run well-financed  
campaigns to burden more states  
with so-called "rights" laws--  
and if they had acted as if they  
really believed they had any  
"right" to jobs, they would have  
been told to have their heads  
examined.

The only "right" conferred in  
any state by a "right-to-work"  
law is the "right" of a worker  
not to be a member of the union  
that negotiates higher wages  
and better living standards for  
him and can give him the stand-  
ard protections of union con-  
tracts against arbitrary firings  
and layoffs.

Nine of the 18 "right-to-work"  
states have unemployment com-  
pensation ratios slightly lower  
than the national average of 6.8  
percent; two have approximately  
the same rate; seven have larg-  
er rates, climbing as high as 10.3  
percent in North Dakota.

### JOBLESS BENEFITS LESS

In these 18 states, the same  
psychology that led to passage  
of "right-to-work" laws also has  
operated to keep down the bene-  
fits paid under unemployment  
compensation. Weekly compen-  
sation generally is higher in the  
industrial states where anti-un-  
ion lobbyists have been defeated  
in the "rights" campaign.

A "right - to - work" law is  
simply a law to weaken unions,  
to hamper and restrict the oper-  
ation of free collective bargain-  
ing, to make the functioning of  
unions more difficult.

## Texas paper discovers bad law is bad business

GALVESTON, Texas — The  
psychology behind the compul-  
sory open shop law—which has  
been misnamed the "right-to-  
work" act—has destroyed in a  
twinkling the goodwill and har-  
monious relations that 80 years  
of peaceful employer-employee  
relations had built on the Gal-  
veston News and Tribune.

Since December 4, a deter-  
mined strike has been going on  
against the News and the Trib-  
une by the 55 members of Gal-  
veston Typographical Local 28.  
It is the first strike against the  
papers in their history by the  
printers and it is highly unlikely  
that it ever would have been  
called except for the temptation  
to union-busting that the Texas  
law, backed up by Taft-Hartley,  
has given to employers through-  
out the Lone Star State.

The Galveston News was es-  
tablished in 1842, while Texas  
still was a sovereign republic. It  
is one of the oldest, if not the  
oldest, businesses in the state. It  
is housed in one of the oldest  
buildings in this Gulf of Mexico  
seaport.

The local Typographical Union  
is also one of the oldest in the  
ITU, as well as one of the oldest  
in Texas. It has had contractual  
relations with the News for 80  
years. It has been in existence  
98 years as a union and will cele-  
brate its centennial in 1959.

There are printers on strike  
with seniority up to 54 years and  
the overwhelming majority of  
the 55 are long-time employees  
of the News and the Tribune.

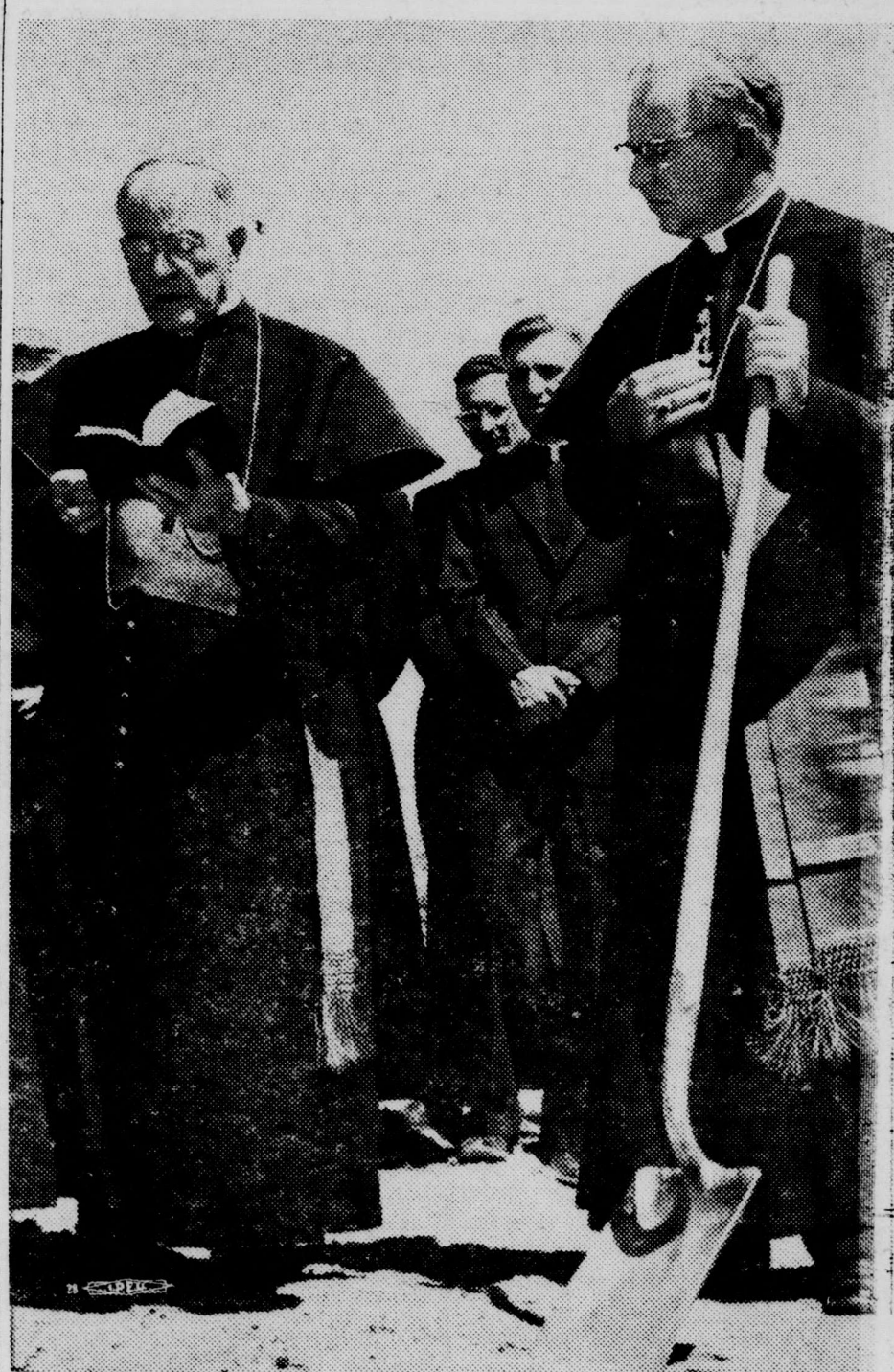
highly esteemed by their co-  
workers and fellow citizens. They  
are home-owners, church mem-  
bers, the salt-of-the-earth type  
of community builders. H. A. Le-  
roux, president of the local, has  
been a printer in Galveston for  
47 years.

There are issues other than  
the union versus closed shop.  
But none of these would be im-  
possible of meeting or at least  
compromising. The paper's gen-  
eral manager, D. C. Leavell, says  
flatly that there is only one  
issue that led to the strike and  
that issue is what he calls "jur-  
isdiction." Or, to put it in words  
better understood, the issue as  
the publisher sees it is whether  
members of Local 28 are going  
to carry out the printing duties.

Printers for the News and  
Tribune, properties of the power-  
ful Moody family, have been  
working under a contract that is  
typical — and, in fact, almost  
identical to the contracts under  
which printers work from Maine  
to California, except in those  
comparatively few places where  
open shop or so-called "right-to-  
work" conditions prevail.

Most newspaper publishers, no  
matter how much they profess  
to love the compulsory open  
shop, indicate by their actions  
that for themselves they prefer  
the union shop. The great ma-  
jority of daily newspapers are  
published under union shop con-  
ditions in Texas as well as else-  
where and have been for de-  
cades.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP the Most Rev. D. J. Gercke of Tucson,  
shown above at a groundbreaking ceremony, told a State labor  
convention in 1955, after the "right to work" open shop law had  
been on the books 8 years, that "it is immoral for a working man  
not to belong to a labor union." He added that if "right to work"  
open shop laws were adopted in the 48 States it would "break labor  
unions and return working people to the status of slavery." When  
asked by newsmen later if he would favor repeal of the "right to  
work" open shop law, Bishop Gercke replied, "I certainly would!"

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# Open shop anarchy vs. Constitutional growth

THE OPEN SHOP measure Senator Knowland and his fellow reactionaries hope to have on the State ballot in November confronts the voters not merely with a labor issue nor a California problem.

This is a major issue in a national constitutional crisis.

The Constitution of the United States is not confined to words written long ago in a revered document. The true Constitution is that revered document plus customs of our people which have grown up in our dynamic society since that document was written.

After one of these customs has reached a considerable degree of acceptance there is sure to be a final desperate effort to check its further growth. Reactionaries seek to prevent it from becoming the law of the land sanctioned by the Supreme Court of the United States which registers the growth of our Constitution.

AN IMPORTANT PHASE of our constitutional growth has been the change in our system of industrial government. The most sensational episode in that change was the elimination of one form of employer-employee relationship which existed throughout this nation at the time the documentary Constitution was written. This form of employer-employee relationship was, of course, slavery. It is hardly necessary to dwell on the fact that the reactionary Senator Knowlands of that far off time did their worst to prevent that wholesome change in employer-employee relationships from becoming accepted as part of the Constitution of the United States.

Since that time the custom of having all workers receive an education adequate for the discharge of their function in modern industry has grown; that custom has been registered by the Supreme Court as an integral part of our growing Constitution. Again it is hardly necessary to dwell on the current struggle of reactionaries to kill that constitutionally accepted custom.

IF THESE REACTIONARIES manage to check the spread of the custom of giving all our workers an adequate education it will of course painfully handicap the United States in its race with Communism for survival. But that consideration does not cramp the style of these reactionaries.

Nor does that consideration cramp the style of Senator Knowland and his reactionary group in the closely allied struggle now going on in California over the open shop.

IN THE OLD SOUTH and in other less industrially advanced sections of the country there is much concern over the spread of the union shop custom in California. Under this custom free educated workers vote for representatives to negotiate wages and working conditions with the employers.

Since these elected representatives negotiate for all the workers in the plant, and gain benefits for them which they could not gain individually, the minority which voted against the elected representatives pay their share of the expenses of the operation. Senator Knowland pretends to think there is something outrageous about this. Yet he does not seem to be disturbed by the fact that the editor of East Bay Labor Journal and many others who have always voted against Senator Knowland continue to pay Federal taxes to support his work in the Senate; and that also if worst comes to worst, we shall continue to pay our State taxes even if he becomes Governor!

WHY DO WE PAY TAXES to support the activities of men for whom we did not vote? Because we are not anarchists. We believe in the Constitution of the United States and of California. We believe in law and order, and we pay out our money to maintain it.

But Senator Knowland and his allies wish to return our growing system of civilized constitutional industrial government to anarchy. They wish to break up the foundations of an industrial system working toward industrial peace.

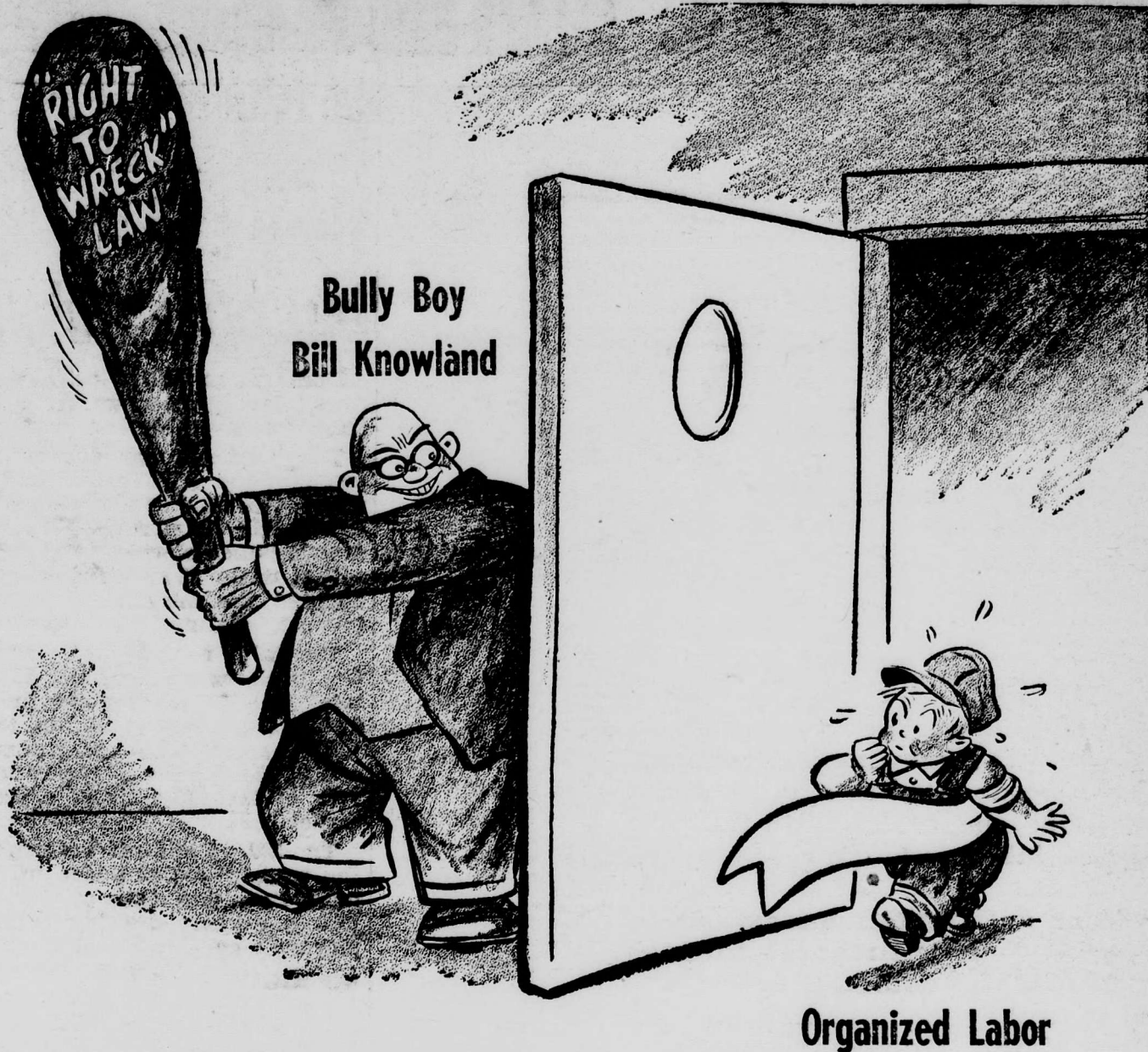
They are cooperating with their ideological brethren in the Old South and other less advanced industrial States who have for years been passing such reactionary "right to work" compulsory open shop laws as may come before the voters of California in November.

UNDER THE UNION SHOP plan we have an orderly contractual system of industrial government. There is an upper chamber, the House of Management, and a lower chamber, the House of Labor. Lord Knowland and his fellow feudalists wish to destroy the equivalent of the House of Commons in this system of industrial government and to have the House of Management become truly as the oldtime House of Lords in the days when the commoners of England were men of no weight in the affairs of their nation.

We of the Commons, of the House of Labor, have history and the future with us. But we only have it by fighting for it, by winning this great constitutional struggle this year. The struggle will be bitter; reactionaries trying to turn back the clock of the Constitution are dangerous fighters. It is not we who are making a last stand for our rights; it is the reactionaries led by Knowland who are making a last stand for their "right" to inflict wrongs upon us and upon the whole constitutional system of the United States.

AS POLITICAL CITIZENS we shall vote to retain our industrial citizenship, to kill industrial anarchy, and to keep the breath of life in the Constitution of the United States!

# Open Shop Door!



## 'Right to work' is unethical, declares religious leader

The Rev. Laurance L. Cross, pastor of Northbrae Community Church, and former Mayor of Berkeley, has this to say about "right to work" proposals such as are embodied in the Employer-Employee Relations initiative favored by Senator Knowland.

"Right To Work," "The American Plan," and now "Union Democracy" are phrases coined by highly paid professionals with no other purpose than to mislead. In actual practice, "Right To Work" laws set management against labor, the minority against the majority, and dishonest men against honest men.

## They claimed it was for veterans

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needed but bias, emotion and confusion overruled reason and 31,618 signatures were obtained. The measure went on the ballot and passed easily.

However, in their haste, the architects of the triumph had neglected to put a penalty clause into their creation. Attempting to interpret it, judges were at a loss.

Consequently, when the state legislature convened in January 1947, Senate Bill 65 was introduced to "put teeth into" the constitutional amendment. And it, too, passed.

The veterans' "fever" was still strong and was to remain so even into the fall of 1948, when Arizona labor in a determined move to erase the law, took it back to the people again . . . and lost, once more.

THE FREE RIDER, who gets union benefits free, under "right to work" would be free to have no benefits.

## Employers joining opposition to the 'right to work' scheme

J. Paul St. Sure, recently re-elected president of the powerful employers' group, the Pacific Maritime Association, is one of the most widely known management representatives in California. The PMA which he heads is the bargaining representative for all the big shipowners and waterfront employers.

So — the editor of East Bay Labor Journal telephoned St. Sure and the following conversation took place. St. Sure's statements being printed in quotation marks, and the editor's without them:

I understand you are opposed to the Right to Work Law?

"Yes, I am."

Is that on both a State and national basis?

"Yes."

Could you state your reasons for being against it?

"Well, there are about a thousand—so many that it would be hard to give all of them. It's one of those sloganized unrealistic things that wouldn't do any good for anybody. I feel that the people who are proposing it are confusing it with other things that have been publicized lately about some unions—and then, some of the people proposing it would like to take advantage of this and take a crack at labor. In short, I imagine I feel about the same way about this proposal that you do!"

Thank you, Mr. St. Sure.

★ ★ ★  
Soon after Senator Knowland came out with a 7-point "union democracy" proposal in one hand, and endorsement of the compulsory open shop "right to work" proposal in the other, an alert employer in an open letter to Knowland challenged this two-handed doubletalking feat.

Jeremy M. Ets-Hokin of the Ets-Hokin family, owners of a long established electrical firm, in his letter asked Knowland how he could go around the

State advocating as though they were reforms much needed things which "every good AFL-CIO local now has incorporated in its charters and bylaws," and at the same time favor a measure to outlaw the union shop.

"Even," wrote Ets-Hokin, "if some of these points were lacking" in some unions, "I fail to see how the outlawing of union shop would do anything to put them into effect."

"After all," said this employer to Knowland, "what is the sense of trying to improve an organization if you plan to destroy it?"

## Texas found bad law bad business

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For 80 years, under agreements with the News and the Tribune, printers belonging to Local 28 have been doing the work under agreements with the publisher. Why now, all of a sudden, should this become an issue that disrupts a record of peaceful relations that has few equals, plunging the company and the union into a bitter struggle leading to the company importation of strike breakers, filling the air with controversy?

Not only the printers, but many of their friends in business in Galveston blame the compulsory open shop and the willingness of the News' management to take advantage of it.

In token of their disapproval of the policy adopted by Leavell, some restaurants have displayed cards reading: "We Hate Strike Breakers. We don't even like to feed them or serve them in any manner whatsoever. We LOVE the striking printers of Galveston Typographical Local No. 28, who are fighting for fair wages and working conditions."

# Keep America's Constitution alive!



# OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

Our next membership meeting to be held April 3, 1958 will be a special called meeting for the purpose of acting on the following:

(a) The resolution pertaining to one membership meeting per month.

(b) Action on the recommendations of the joint meeting of the executive board and the finance committee with reference to purchasing automobiles in accordance with this union's by-laws.

(c) Report of the officers' meeting and action on their recommendations.

(d) Reading of the auditor's report.

As these are important matters, it is respectfully requested that you arrange your affairs so that you may be present at the above meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
JAMES H. MARTIN,  
Financial Secretary,  
Business Manager

## PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 3, 1958 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, California.

Please make every effort to attend your union meetings.

Fraternally,  
BEN H. BEYNON,  
Business Manager and  
Financial Sec.-Treas.

## SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Blood donors are needed for the son of Richard Dick, a journeyman of this Local. John, his young son has a very rare heart condition that is going to require surgery and it is expected that about 21 pints of blood will be needed. Anyone who can donate blood for the boy may do so by contacting the Blood Bank of the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association at 6230 Claremont Ave., Oakland, OLYmpio 4-2924.

Fraternally yours,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m., at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th St., Oakland, California. We expect to show a film on the right-to-work issue if it is at all available and discuss the matter of having a credit union at the next meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Again, or yet, we are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting Friday, March 21. All future meetings in the next few months will be of great interest to all of us. There is no doubt about the above statement.

Fraternally,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194

Unless otherwise specified, the Alameda Carpenter Local will meet on the first and third Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Eagle Hall, 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda.

Fraternally yours,  
J. W. NIXON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWInoaks 3-1120.

## UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

United Steelworkers Local 1798 will meet Friday, March 28, 1958, 8:00 p.m. at 2315 Valdez Street, Hall D, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,  
DOROTHY McDAID,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at the Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road at 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## Mailers \$5 assessment to fight 'right to work'

San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18 at their last meeting, Secretary Duncan Ross announces, voted a \$5 assessment to be used in fighting the "right to work" initiative, officially known as the Employer - Employee Relations Initiative.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## St. Patrick wins IUE strike, greens up Johnny Quinn

St. Patrick's Day was a lucky day, begorra, etcetera, for the strikers against Remington Rand belonging to Business Machine Service Local 852.

For A. L. Taft of the local announced at the Central Labor Council meeting on the good saint's day that "as of this day, March 17," the strike was over which had begun March 3.

Taft said the terms of settlement include a substantial pay increase, and cost of living escalator clauses. The contract covers 1200 IUE members, over the nation, including 150 belonging to Local 852.

Also, Frank Dolenty, possessor of a good Irish name, who had been discharged September 6 of last year has been reinstated Taft said, and would soon be back at work.

Another St. Patrick's Day episode at the council meeting was the rising to speak on another matter of John F. Quinn of Bartenders 52, former president of the council, clad in a copious investiture of the color — you'd never guess this one!—GREEN.

There was a universal gasp, and President Al Brown calmed the situation down by saying, "John, I can't help but admire your RED sweater."

## Meany coming, may speed State merge

AFLCIO President George Meany is expected in the Bay Area April 16, and his presence may hasten the merger on the State level of the AFL State Federation and the CIO State Council.

The Central Labor Council at its meeting this week concurred in a resolution adopted by Electricians 1245 calling on Meany to hasten the State merger. Ron Weakley of Local 1245 had appeared before the CLC executive committee and urged the importance of an early merger.

Manuel Dias, president of the CIO State Council, and a CLC delegate from the Auto Workers, said the last meeting of the State merger committee was in late November, that beginning in January the CIO had tried in vain to get a meeting arranged.

In Michigan recently, the Meany forces moved in and held a merger convention which the State AFL leaders there, under the influence of James R. Hoffa of the Teamsters, tried to boycott.

IN 1850, American workers in nonfarm industries had a work-week averaging about 66 hours — the equivalent of 11 hours a day, 6 days a week.

## Cohelan files for Congress, 7th Dist.

Jeffery Cohelan, Berkeley city councilman, has taken out nominating papers for the United States 7th Congressional District, which is comprised of northern Alameda County.

He will cross file in opposition to John J. Allen Jr., Republican, incumbent for the past 12 years.

Cohelan said, "My purpose is to bring more vigorous representation to the highly diversified interest of this important district."

Endorsing the Democratic aspirant are Professor Peter Odegard, chairman of the University of California Department of Political Science; Joseph E. Smith, former Oakland mayor; T. J. Kent Jr., Berkeley city councilman; Dr. Elizabeth Torrey Andrews, Berkeley physician; and D. G. Gibson, Berkeley businessman.

A native of San Francisco, Cohelan has served as councilman since May of 1955. He is secretary-treasurer of the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local 302, representing Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Campaign co-chairmen are J. L. Childers, secretary of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, and Lyle E. Cook, Berkeley attorney.

## Brown will open headquarters here

Brown - for - Governor Headquarters for Alameda County have been established at 1400 Jackson Street, Oakland, according to Judge Monroe Friedman, Alameda County Chairman. The headquarters are open from nine to six every day except Sunday.

Official opening of the headquarters by Edmund G. Brown, candidate for Governor of California, will be on Tuesday evening, March 25, at 8:30. In charge of the evening will be the Campaign Vice-Chairman Lyle S. Cook of Berkeley and Mayor John J. Purchio of Hayward.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

## Ash reports 'Put U. S. back to work' Washington confab

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rent year, to meet the problem of expiration of benefits many workers are now encountering.

AFLCIO President George Meany told the legislative conference that actually unemployment has reached between 6½ and 7 millions, rather than the figure the Government is using.

The program which the labor people took up with Congress included extension of maximum jobless benefits from the present 26 to 39 weeks; increases in social security payments, lowering the age requirements for them, and covering all not now covered; increase of \$100 on personal exemption in the lower income brackets; urban renewal, slum clearance, money at lower rates for housing; school construction measures providing for building of half a million new classrooms during the next 5 years; stepping up of public works projects already authorized, especially road construction, and more hospitals; raising of Federal minimum wage from the present \$1 to \$1.25, and the covering of 9 million people now not covered.

Figures compiled by the AFL-CIO staff on the basis of the reports of those seeing Congress showed that 41% of the Representatives and Senators visited favored the labor program, 17% were for part of it, and 12% for none of it.

"Even the reactionaries in both houses," said Ash, "are concerned about the growing unemployment, and think it will get worse for a time instead of better."

## Collective bargaining move of Teachers backed

The Central Labor Council delegates this week authorized having a council representative present at the Oakland Board of Education to speak for the Teachers Union request that school administrators bargain collectively with the union.

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## Nicholas Petris enters race for seat in Assembly

Nicholas (Nick) Petris, Oakland attorney, was the first candidate to file completed papers for the June 3 primary. Petris is seeking nomination for Assemblyman from the 15th District. He received the overwhelming endorsement of the Alameda County Democratic endorsing convention held in the Oakland auditorium February 3.

Petris is a member of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Oakland and is past vice president of the California Democratic Council.

Among the first to sign Petris' papers as a sponsor was John J. King, vice-president of the Oakland Board of Education. In so doing, he paid tribute to Petris' active part as a speaker for the Good School Committee on behalf of better education for Oakland's children.

Other sponsors included: Ray Nichols, past president of the Oakland Real Estate Board; E. L. Friedrich, contractor; Martin Huff, treasurer of the Democratic State Central Committee; the Rev. M. J. Votruba; Joseph A. Freitas; Charles Garoni; M. F. Damas; William Drohan; Leonard J. Dieden; Miss Marie Alves; Robert J. Hannah; Harry Kent; Alfred Dunn; Miss Mae Pimentel; Mrs. Margaret N. Smith; Mrs. Agnes Nygard; Mrs. Mary G. Smith; Mrs. Mary Loushin; Levin Charles; Thomas Bryson; Mrs. Laura Fraser; Milton Alfier; Mrs. Grace Bryson; Gus Petris; Mrs. Gladys River; Mrs. Anna Petris; Chester B. Carpenter and Xenophon Cardenas.



**FIRST CANDIDATE** to file in Alameda County for the June 3 primary is shown in the center of this picture: Nicholas (Nick) Petris, Oakland attorney, candidate for Assemblyman in the 15th District. At his left is County Clerk Jack Blue, administering the required oath. At the candidate's right is John J. King, Grand Lodge representative of the International Association of Machinists, and member of the Oakland Board of Education. King was chairman of the Alameda County Democratic endorsing convention which endorsed Petris.

**MRS. FRANCES ALBRIER** of Berkeley, has been named Alameda County co-chairman for Glenn M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor.

**Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.**

**LINDSEY NUT CO.** of Concord has been struck by Teamsters Packing House Employees Local 629. The company's brands are Mt. Diablo, Blue Bell, and Crestview, Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash told the delegates to that body at its meeting this week.

## Brown: AFL tax cut idea 'inflexible'

Edmund G. (Pat) Brown, Democratic candidate for Governor this week announced his opposition to the AFL-sponsored initiative to cut sales taxes and reduce taxes on lower incomes.

Brown said that "fiscal responsibility . . . strongly counsels against putting tax laws into the relatively inflexible form of an initiative."

Previously, Brown had told labor officials here in Alameda County that he felt the State's tax structure needed overhauling. He said he had ideas on the subject which he wished to put in effect if elected. But he felt an inflexible amendment to the Constitution such as the initiative would create would seriously handicap his administration.

## NLRB now seeking union bankruptcy, Schoemann warns

WASHINGTON — The present policies of the National Labor Relations Board on hiring practices are aimed at completely bankrupting labor unions Peter T. Schoemann, president of the Plumbers and Pipefitters, warned.

In a letter to all of the 760 local unions that comprise the Plumbers and Pipefitters, Schoemann called for eight steps to correct and update current practices on employment and hiring practices in relationship to the closed shop ban of the Taft-Hartley Act.

Schoemann's directive came shortly after NLRB General Counsel Jerome Fenton wrote contractors and Richard J. Gray, president of the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department that the board is ready to inflict severe penalties unless the unions bring hiring practices into conformity with the T-H Act.

Reversing a 10-year policy covering thousands of cases based on issuing cease and desist orders to violators of the closed shop ban, the board has recently ruled that a union found in violation must refund all dues and assessments collected by the union from members working for the company.

The specific case concerns the Browns-Olds Plumbing Co. and Plumbers Local 231 of El Paso, Texas. The NLRB ruled that the union had violated the T-H Act and that the local must refund all dues and assessments from May 6, 1954 through March 1956.

Schoemann wrote that the "board has always handed down for nine years a threatened fine and jail sentence against the union and its officers who do not comply with an order of the board . . . but the present Eisenhower board is not satisfied with a fine and jail sentence. They wish also to completely bankrupt labor unions by their present policy."—AFLCIO News.

**ROCK LA FLECHE**, associate superintendent of the Alameda County Schools, has filed as a candidate for election to the office of Alameda County Superintendent of Schools.

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## Coakley seeking reelection claims support by labor

A press release put out by supporters of Frank Coakley for reelection as District Attorney of Alameda County follows:

Showing strong labor support, District Attorney J. Frank Coakley has filed his nomination papers for reelection at the June 3 primary.

His list of sponsors is as follows: Robert S. Ash, Ernest H. Vernon, S. E. Rockwell, Albert Morris, Joseph W. Chaudet, Albert R. Silva, John F. Quinn, Robert Sibley, Clarence M. (Nibs) Price, Minnie Culver Oliver, Fred A. Ferroggiaro, Robert S. Abernethy, Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Nat Levy, Lester S. McElwain, Frank S. Richards, Leonard J. Dieden, James A. Wainwright, Harry J. Sapper, Albert H. Moffitt, Jr., Otto H. Fischer, Antone P. Rosa, Mrs. Helen L. C. Lawrence, Paul D. Ehret, Marlin W. Haley, William H. Older, Herbert S. Shuey, George B. Vaughns and Henry J. Kaiser, Jr.

In announcing that he would seek reelection, Coakley pledged himself to continue to continue to maintain the policies and the standards of competence, integrity and fairness which have characterized the district attorney's office of Alameda County in the past and given it recognition and stature throughout the nation.

Coakley has been district attorney since 1947 when he was appointed to the office. He has been elected three times by overwhelming majorities. His election this year would be unprecedented in the history of the county.

His elevation to the office of district attorney was preceded by many years of outstanding service as deputy, assistant and chief assistant during which he handled the investigation and prosecution of many celebrated cases.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, while Governor of California in 1952, said of him: "I believe in the past quarter of a century there is no man in this state who has contributed more to good law enforcement than has Frank Coakley. He has been a devoted public servant and a great law enforcement officer".

Coakley has received national recognition for his work. Less than two weeks ago he received the International Civic Award of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and in 1953 he was awarded the first national plaque presented by the National Association of County and Prosecuting Attorneys for outstanding public service.

A commander in the United States Navy during World War II, he was cited by the Secretary of the Navy for distinguished service.

Coakley is a former president of the California District Attorneys' Association and for many years has been chairman of the legislative committees of that body and of the California Peace Officers' Association. He has been a life-long resident of Alameda County and in addition to his legal career has been active in civic, philanthropic and fraternal affairs.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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## Labor's IUD seeks recession remedy

WASHINGTON — Albert Whitehouse, director of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department, has called upon the Congress majority leadership to "assume the initiative in combating the recession and in restoring to the nation the economic growth rates necessary to a rising living standard for our growing population."

The union official declared that industrial workers across the country are disturbed at continuing layoffs and short-timing. He added that while the President has tardily recognized that the nation is in a recession, his program is simply one of watch and wait.

Pointing out that the nation cannot rely upon any seasonal upturn this month to generate the drive necessary to further economic growth, Whitehouse declared that it is time to undertake a program of public works, school construction, expanded welfare programs, and tax cuts for the low and middle income groups not only to fight recession but also because the nation very much needs these things.—AFLCIO News.

## Pension Labor Democrats are to hear candidates

The Pension Labor Democratic Clubs of Alameda County, announces President Carl Dittmar, will hold a joint meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the True Food cafeteria, 308 - 14th Street, and will hear the following candidates: Jeffery Cohelan, for 7th Congressional District; John Holmdahl, for State Senate; Bob Crown, Nick Petris, Wilma Hackett, and Winton McKibben, for 14th, 15th, 16th, and 18th Assembly Districts, respectively.

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## COPE final nominations made; BTC adjourns to attend meet

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99, presided at the COPE meeting, which was well attended.

No new nominations for president were made. At the March 3 meeting the following had been nominated for that office: Ernest Perry, Steelworkers; Jack Tobler, Auto Workers; Leon McCool, Carpenters.

For vice president, Richard Fitzgerald, Painters, was nominated this week. Previously nominated: J. L. Childers, BTC; Lew Blix, Dental Technicians; Russ Crowell, Cleaners.

For the 3-man board of trustees two were nominated this week: Mel McQueen, Painters; William Castlebury, Carmen. Previously nominated: Les Moore, Painters; Ken Crosswell, Communications Workers; Joseph Pruss, Sheet Metal Workers; Fran Kaczmarek, Culinary; Jack Austin, Typographical.

No new nomination was made for sergeant-at-arms, Al Thoman, Carpenters, had been nominated at the previous meeting.

For the executive board, which under the constitution as it stands has 15 elective members, there had been 27 nominations made at the previous meeting. At the meeting this week Paul L. Jones, Laborers, turned in a written resolution which was given first reading and if it successfully passes second reading at the March 25 meeting will increase the elective members of the executive board to 25.

Jones pointed out that it is essential to have a fair number of members of the board at all candidate screening sessions, and that with a larger board this would be assured.

The following were nominated for the executive board at this week's meeting: Eric Norberg, Laborers; Joseph Souza, Clerks and Lumber Handlers; Mel McQueen, Painters; Bill Norman,

Gardeners; E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters; Paul L. Jones, Laborers; Joe Petreselli, Auto Workers; S. E. Rockwell, Electricians; Bill Barr, Operating Engineers; Robert Nycum, Auto Workers; Marius Waldal, Carpenters; S. J. Olson, Barbers; Harold Houston, Operating Engineers; Anders Larsen, Carpenters; Jack Long, Steelworkers; Marie Coleman, Cleaners; J. O. Heinmarsh, Carpenters.

The names of those previously nominated for the executive board were published in the March 7 East Bay Labor Journal.

## Ford negotiations will open March 31

DETROIT — The Auto Workers and the Ford Motor Co. in a joint announcement said that negotiations for a new contract will open March 31.

A few hours later, the company made another announcement—the closing of its Somerville, Mass., assembly plant.

The union promptly demanded that negotiations begin immediately to deal with the problems created by the closing. Director Ken Bannon of the union's Ford Department called the closing a "devastating blow to the 1,500 workers and their families as well as the Somerville community." He told the company it has a "clear responsibility" to pay the cost of any job shifts made necessary, and added:

"We believe further that economic costs of protecting workers and their families during periods of relocation should also be borne by management as a normal part of operating a business."—AFLCIO News.

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## Status of Teamsters in CLC unchanged awaiting letter

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Laundry and Dry Cleaning Workers International Union, said that he "would make no more impassioned pleas" to expel the Teamsters, such as he had made at the previous council meeting and later at the executive committee meeting. But he declared that the constitution of the council calls for delegates from AFLCIO unions, and the constitution should be followed.

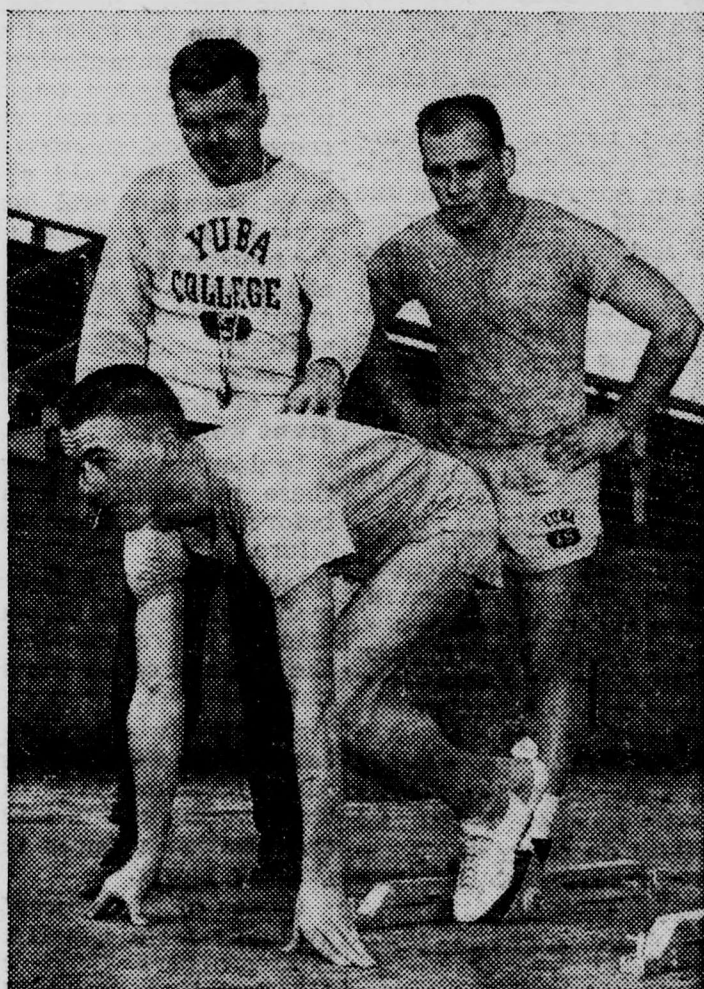
When the vote came, a considerable number voted to expel, but a clear majority voted to sustain the executive committee. It was brought out during the discussion that the vote on the executive committee had been 9 to 8 for the recommendation which was later sustained by the council.

The main argument advanced for delaying expulsion was that there seemed to be some tendency of the high AFLCIO command itself to "wait and see" how the court-appointed monitor system works in the Teamsters, and that this tendency was perhaps illustrated by Meany's delay in answering a letter of inquiry from the council.

## Anga Bjornson enters race for State Senate

Anga Bjornson has entered the race for the State Senate.

Miss Bjornson owns her own home and a small ranch. She has been an active member of the League of Women Voters, Daughters of Norway, Business and Professional Women, Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Democratic County and State Central Committees, and American Federation of Teachers.



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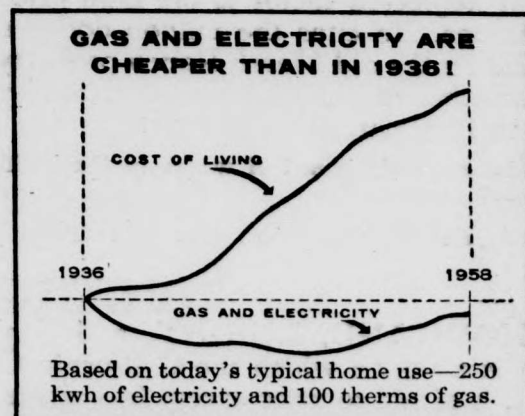
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## School policy carefully considered by unionists

When any question connected with the school system comes up at a Central Labor Council meeting the delegates know they are in for a big discussion, and President Al Brown takes a firmer grip on his gavel and clamps a grim look on his face.

As you listen to these discussions you realize that many of the points brought up are good individually, but that the big job is to weave all these individual points into one good web of reasoning in which no one color or thread sticks out to the damage of the whole effect.

In all union discussions there are sure to be some bread and butter issues which do sometimes have an uncomfortable tendency to stick out too prominently. Just as different lines of business want to be sure that they get theirs in any big transaction, the various kinds of organized skills represented in a labor council are naturally prone to think of their own interests.

Yet in the case of the school system the special interests of the various organized skills represented in the Labor Council do not really conflict. A modern school system needs teachers, maintenance people, custodial workers. Also, a modern school system in a growing community must grow, not wilt on the vine.

Therefore the policy adopted by the Central Labor Council after much earnest discussion seems sensible from both the good old union bread and butter point of view, and justified from the point of view of community statesmanship. That CLC policy has two planks:

1—Don't cut any of the services needed to operate a modern school system.

2—Since the voters failed to approve the school tax increase in February, try again: more money must be had.

To the harried Board of Education and the school administrators this may seem a bit abstract, like the famous advice, "Full speed ahead, damn the torpedoes," when the concrete fact is that the financial torpedoes are already right under the ship's bow.

But what is the alternative to this maintain-and-gain policy? Is the school system to be allowed to deteriorate at a time when we all know that education must not only deteriorate, but must progress faster than in the past for very grim reasons indeed?

No, we must go ahead, says organized labor. And organized labor is right.

## Labor only 50 percent awake

April 10 is the closing date for registration for the June 3 primary election.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor said in a statement issued March 14 that "spot checks of registration campaigns thus far throughout the State have indicated that only 50 percent of labor union members were registered to vote in the June primaries."

Five suggested plans for registration of union members are described in a leaflet issued by the State Federation office and sent to all affiliates. Every union which has not already adopted some effective plan for getting its members registered should study these plans, and adopt one, and carry it out.

If you don't register and vote, you're acting like a second class citizen, and you'll be one in reality by the time the other side gets through voting you into a corner.

## High priced land halts homebuilding

Harlan Trott in the Christian Science Monitor some time ago suggested that while business people think homebuilding slowed down because building tradesmen's wages are too high, and building tradesmen think Big Business is to blame, neither side seems to pay attention to one big factor.

That neglected factor is the high price of land on which to build homes. He cites the million-dollar sale price of the 100-acre field on the old Marsh Ranch property near Walnut Creek. He cites other instances where in a few years the price of land has risen 1000 percent, and asks:

"Has anybody heard of wages in the building trades going up a thousand percent?"

That, as they say on the television programs, is a good question.

"KNOWLAND, KNIGHT, and Right to Work" is the appropriate slogan which the California GOP has adopted, but which it is afraid to utter except in a mutter. A very low mutter.

## Smearing, Not Hearing



## UNIONS ASKED TO AID HAPLESS FARM WORKERS

Calling for an all-out attack on the problems facing American agricultural workers in many parts of the country, the National Sharecroppers Fund has released the published proceedings of its all-day conference on "Low Income Farmers and Migratory Labor" held in New York City last November 13th.

Pointing out that the present crop freeze in Florida has brought about need for emergency aid to prevent starvation of migrant families, Miss Fay Bennett, executive secretary of the Fund, said:

"The causes for this condition are outlined in the conference proceedings. Cold weather in various parts of the South has produced conditions of near starvation because these workers have nothing to fall back on when weather conditions prevent their working.

"Migrants receive no unemployment insurance, no minimum wage; nor are they eligible for local relief in most states because of residence requirements. "Only when large numbers of them are threatened with actual starvation does the public become aware of their plight, but the fact is that many of these workers regularly live on the edge of desperation and starvation even without the excuse of a crop freeze."

A major recommendation of the all-day conference, attended by experts from government, labor, farm and religious groups, was that organized labor take responsibility for organizing farm workers into effective unions. A conference speaker pointed out that the present National Agricultural Workers Union lacks adequate funds and personnel to do this job.

Another recommendation was

### Campaign costs

In order that elections may be free from the domination of corporate wealth and vested interests it is vital that the American labor movement be in a position to assist financially candidates whose views and activities on behalf of social justice denies them contributions from special interest sources.

We reject any suggestion that we are second-class citizens with fewer rights in politics than the multi-million dollar corporate monopolies in the communications industry. We call to the attention of those who would seek to place us in this position, the decision of the courts which have, without exception, upheld our rights to participate.—1957 AFLCIO convention resolution.

that Secretary of Labor Mitchell appoint a tripartite committee, consisting of representatives of the public, employers and organized labor to investigate the many abuses of the farm labor import programs. Several conference speakers said that imported labor was being used to further undermine wages and conditions for American farm workers as well as to permit unfair competition of large corporation farms with independent family farms.

Another conference recommendation called for a reversal of the present trend to force thousands of farm families out of agriculture. Specific programs to help low income farmers were urged.

Conference recommendations called also for federal and state legislation guaranteeing for farm workers minimum wages, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, sickness and disability benefits, old age assistance, licensing and bonding of crew leaders, uniform standards for housing for migrant workers, educational programs for migrant children, enforcement of sanitary and health provisions for migrant camps and regulation of transportation for migrant workers.

Legislation covering many of these recommendations is now before the New York State legislature.

Miss Bennett called upon all men and women of goodwill to back up the recommendations of the conference on the state and national level.

"Migrant workers need people to speak for them," she said, "because residence laws take away their voting rights and lack of organization reduces their bargaining power."

Copies of the proceedings are available from the National Sharecroppers Fund office at 112 East 19th Street, New York City.

### The farm base

Agriculture as a whole, including processing and distribution, is the biggest single factor in our national economy. It employs nearly 40 percent of the work force of the nation and accounts for around 40 percent of the gross national product. The base is the farm.

The government's administration of this important part of the national economy in the last five years has been a colossal failure, the evidence of which has been building up to a point where now everyone can see it. —Farm Union Herald.

## OPINIONS

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### CLAIR ENGLE'S VOTING RECORD

Editor, Labor Journal:

Voters should have full information about the records of candidates running for office, that is why the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education has distributed a record of key congressional roll call votes, prior to each national election. On the last one issued, it was noted that Rep. Clair Engle had voted wrong on five issues, they were; Taft-Hartley (HR 3020), subjecting unions to injunctions and suits for damages; outlawing closed shop secondary boycott and union hiring halls. Secondly; the Minimum Wage (HR 5856), removing one million people, previously covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act, from minimum wage protection. Third, Offshore Oil House Resolution 232 and fourth, the F. E. practices (HR 4453), an amendment to replace an enforceable measure with a "voluntary" F. E. P. C. bill, with no power to forbid discrimination in hirings because of race, creed or color. Fifth, the Farm Price Support (HR 12).

You quote Glenn M. Anderson addressing the CLC delegates; "the first action of the Democrats, if they won the election, would be to get a F. E. P. Act on the statute books", and also, that Governor Knight leveled his fire at the Democratic candidate, Clair Engle. This was taken to indicate that it is Engle he fears.

After looking at Engle's record, wouldn't it be safe to say that we should ask him why he voted as he did and how he intends to vote in the future?

Labor should give this serious consideration before formally endorsing any candidate with a record like this.

It brings to mind the quotations, "Politics breed strange bedfellows," or the lesser of two evils" (Knight or Engle).

Sincerely,

BERNADETTE EYSELEE  
Culinary Workers Local 31

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### WHY WE FAIL

Contrary to general impression, our failure to match Soviet progress did not result primarily from shortage of men or money, or from inter-service rivalry, but largely from failure to utilize available scientific manpower.—Dr. V. L. Parsegian, eminent engineer.

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### OL' BLEEDING HEART

Kindly Sherman Adams has been concerned over pictures published in the New England papers of long lines of unemployed standing in the bitter snowstorm at Biddeford-Saco, Maine, where 30 percent of the population is out of work.—Drew Pearson.

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### BOASTERS

I . . . am a little tired of people boasting that they don't have a television set. It is . . . like boasting that you don't have . . . a single book in the house. —Stanley Donner, Stanford University associate professor of speech and drama.

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### THE IRISH

Kilts originated in Ireland. We gave the Scots kilts, bagpipes, whiskey, and Christianity. They gave us back the Bible and the tam o'shanter. —Sir Shane Leslie, cousin of Sir Winston Churchill.

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### HERE'S NEWS!

The only selfless and self-sacrificing profession known to humankind is the practice of medicine. —Dr. Emil Seletz of USC faculty.